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TAGS: EAID, PFOR, PO

SUBJECT: AID TO PORTUGAL

REF: (A) OECD P 4855; (B) LISBON 824; (C) LISBON 958

1. REFTEL A NOTES COMPLETION OF OECD-SPONSORED CONSULTANCY TO PORTUGAL BUT LEAVES OPEN QUESTION OF POSSIBLE OR APPROPRIATE FOLLOW-UP. REFTEL B HAD INDICATED THAT, THOUGH GOP FAVORS ESTABLISHMENT OF OECD "AD HOC WORKING GROUP," PLAN MIGHT LANGUISH ON SLOW BACKBURNER, PENDING APPROVAL OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS.

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2. DEPARTMENT FAVORS FACILITATING BILATERAL AND MULTI-

LATERAL ASSISTANCE TO PORTUGAL TO EXTENT SUCH AID SERVES THE INTERESTS OF MODERATE FORCES IN PORTUGAL. IT WOULD BE AWKWARD FOR OECD AND PERHAPS POLITICALLY COUNTERPRODUCTIVE IN PORTUGAL IF OECD WERE TO PROCEED WITHOUT OFFICIAL SIGNAL FROM PORTUGAL.

3. WE ARE SENSITIVE TO THE APPEARANCE OF UNDUE US ZEAL IN BEHALF OF OECD INITIATIVES AND WOULD VALUE EMBASSY LISBON'S JUDGMENT ON SEVERAL MATTERS: WOULD FURTHER OECD ACTION -- DISPATCH OF MORE STUDY GROUPS OR ESTABLISHMENT OF WORKING PARTY--BE HELPFUL DURING PRE-ELECTION PERIOD? IF SO, SHOULD US PROD GOP TO SIGNAL PARIS THAT OECD SHOULD TAKE THESE ACTIONS? SHOULD OECD SYG VAN LENNEP DO ANYTHING FURTHER?

SHOULD WE SUGGEST TO PORTUGUESE THAT CONSTANCIO ASK OECD TO PROCEED WITH AD HOC GROUP (THUS AVOIDING NEED FOR FORMAL PUBLIC INVITATION BY COUNCIL OF MINISTERS)?

4. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY LISBON PROCEED ACCORDING TO OWN DISCRETION ON ABOVE QUESTIONS. OECD FORWARD ECKHAUS REPORT WHEN AVAILABLE TO DEPARTMENT (EUR/RPE AND (EUR/IB) AND EMBASSY LISBON. KISSINGER

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